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SUBJ: LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL FROM CLARK  
CLIFFORD

EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER, DATED APRIL 29,  
FROM CLARK CLIFFORD TO PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL. SIGNED  
ORIGINAL HAS BEEN POUCHED.

1. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: AS YOU KNOW, THE  
ADMINISTRATION HAS NOW ANNOUNCED THAT IT ENDORSES, IN  
PRINCIPLE, THE UNITED STATES-TURKEY DEFENSE COOPERATION  
AGREEMENT OF MARCH 1976 AND WILL URGE CONGRESS TO TAKE  
ACTION ON THE AGREEMENT AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME. IT HAS  
ALSO ASKED FOR DOLS 175 MILLION IN FOREIGN MILITARY SALES  
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FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR TURKEY IN 1978, AS WELL AS  
ADDITIONAL EXEMPTIONS FROM THE LIMITATIONS OF SECTION  
620(X). I THINK THAT THE PROGRAM WHICH STATE DEPARTMENT  
COUNSELOR MATTHEW NIMETZ PRESENTED TO CONGRESS ON APRIL 21  
REPRESENTS A BALANCED, MODERATE APPROACH WHICH IS A REAL  
STEP TOWARD STRENGTHENING THE BILATERAL AND ALLIANCE  
SECURITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I FULLY

SUPPORT THE ADMINISTRATION'S PROGRAM AND HOPE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE AT AN EARLY DATE TO MOVE AHEAD FURTHER TOWARD FULL RESTORATION OF THE PARTNERSHIP THAT SERVES SO WELL OUR

COMMON INTERESTS.

2. I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE TIMELY TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME THOUGHTS ON THE CYPRUS SITUATION IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE LATEST ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA. AS YOU WILL APPRECIATE, I WAS ABLE TO FOLLOW PROGRESS ON THESE TALKS VERY CLOSELY THROUGH THE REPORTING, AND PERSONAL BRIEFING, I RECEIVED FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S DIRECTOR OF SOUTHERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, WHO TOLD ME OF THE THOROUGH AND COURTEOUS MANNER IN WHICH HE WAS IN TURN BRIEFED BY THE TURKISH OBSERVER, MR. GUVENDIREN, AND THE TURKISH CYPRIOT DELEGATION IN VIENNA.

3. I AM CONVINCED, DESPITE THE CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF ADVERSE PUBLICITY SURROUNDING THE LATEST ROUND IN VIENNA, THAT THE TALKS REPRESENTED AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE IN OUR SEARCH FOR A FAIR AND LASTING CYPRUS SOLUTION. THE PROCEDURAL HURDLES THAT PLAGUED PREVIOUS ROUNDS WERE OVERCOME IN VIENNA. MOREOVER, CONCRETE PROPOSALS ALONG THE LINES YOU AND I DISCUSSED IN ANKARA IN FEBRUARY WERE PLACED ON THE TABLE, AND SERVED AS A BASIS FOR CLARIFYING AND PROBING OF POSITIONS.

4. I DO NOT, HOWEVER, THINK IT WISE TO DWELL ON THESE ASPECTS OF VIENNA BUT INSTEAD TO LOOK AHEAD TO SEE HOW THE CONFIDENTIAL

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START MADE IN THE MOST RECENT ROUND OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY PURSUED. WE HAVE NO EXPECTATION THAT THE DISCUSSIONS IN NICOSIA NEXT MONTH WILL PRODUCE DRAMATIC RESULTS, BUT WE DO BELIEVE THAT WITH ADEQUATE PLANNING THEY CAN PROVIDE A BASIS FOR NARROWING THE DIFFERENCES THAT EXIST IN BOTH THE CONSTITUTIONAL AND TERRITORIAL AREAS. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, FOR EXAMPLE, IF THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS COULD BE ENLARGED AND CLARIFIED, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO ROLE AND POWERS OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, THE PROPOSED FEDERAL ADVISORY ORGANS, AND SUCH IMPORTANT INSTITUTIONS AS THE PRESIDENCY, LEGISLATURE, AND JUDICIARY. WE ALSO WOULD SUGGEST THE POSSIBILITY OF DISCUSSING TERRITORY IN SOMEWHAT MORE CONCRETE DETAIL, IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC AREAS INSTEAD OF ABSTRACT PROPOSALS.

5. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I INTEND, ON BEHALF OF THE ADMINISTRATION, TO REMAIN FULLY INVOLVED IN THESE MATTERS. I WILL BE WITH PRESIDENT CARTER IN LONDON AND WILL LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH YOU OUR

DESIRE TO STRENGTHEN OUR TIES WITH TURKEY. SINCERELY,  
CLARK CLIFFORD. END TEXT.  
CHRISTOPHER

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